

Department of Environmental Quality
Public Meeting Notice – Environmental Study

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment and announce a public meeting on a TMDL, or water quality study, by the Department of Environmental Quality for a portion of Beaver Creek located in Campbell County, Virginia.

PUBLIC MEETING TIME/LOCATION: Tuesday, March 23, 2010 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the City of Lynchburg Information Technology Center, 3550 Young Place, Lynchburg, Virginia.

MEETING DESCRIPTION: This is the second public meeting on the study to restore water quality in portions of Beaver Creek. The public will be provided an overview of the TMDL study findings and be provided an opportunity to comment on the study.

DESCRIPTION OF STUDY: The Virginia Region 2000 Local Government Council, DEQ, and various agencies and local citizens are working to identify sources of fecal bacteria contamination in portions of Beaver Creek within the James River Watershed in Central Virginia. This stream is listed on the Federal 303D list of impaired waters. The current contamination level exceeds water quality standards and thus impairs, or decreases, the quality of the water.

The study will develop a total maximum daily load, or a TMDL, for the impaired waters. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, contamination levels for a specified pollutant have to be reduced to the TMDL amount.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The public comment period on the materials presented at the public meeting will extend from March 23, 2010 until 11:59 p.m on April 23, 2010.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, and be received during the comment period. DEQ also accepts written and oral comments at the public meeting announced in this notice.

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